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1845-1920

828-814 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

This side of the 800 block of S. Charles St. is essentially commercial in character, with the early houses on the block having been replaced by a 1920's-era department store (now Stark's furniture and appliance store) at 816-826 S. Charles St. and other later, modern warehouse buildings. The only surviving early house on the block is 814 S. Charles St., a small two story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof that was built about 1845. Stark's furniture store is three stories in height and five double bays wide, constructed in yellow glazed brick with geometric, Art-Deco influenced trim set in contrasting colors. At 828 S. Charles St. there is a three story high, three bay wide building with shed roof and bracketed cornice that was built to serve a combination residential/commercial use but now serves only as storage space for a local piano company.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

828 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice at one time served as Shofer's Piano store but it is now unoccupied. The first floor area has been converted into a modern store-front.

The building is three stories in height, 20' wide, and runs back on its lot 82'. The building is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of modillions set above a row of dentils. Four grooved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip. The brick freize area thus formed is punctuated by three scroll-sawed ventilating panels. The cornice extends around the Henrietta St. corner of the building for a short distance, supported by one extra bracket. The remainder of the Henrietta St. cornice is a late Victorian, stepped brick cornice.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels and wood sills. All of the window openings are currently boarded over. The first floor area has been converted into a modern store-front, with a glass-paneled door located at the Charles and Henrietta St. corner of the building, flanked by two three-sided plate glass shop windows set on low aluminum siding bases. The original transom area above the door has been filled with an air conditioner. A plain stamped sheet metal cornice, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding and a plain freize area, extends around both the Henrietta and Charles St. facades of the store-front area. The entrance is reached directly from the sidewalk.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1870's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant as being representative of the second phase of commercial/residential construction in the area, being built in the 1870's in the then popular shed-roofed, Victorian style, with bracketed cornice. This type of building served the same function as its pre-Civil War gable-roofed predecessor, the first floor area serving as a store-front and the upper two floors serving as a residence for the family operating the store below, or to provide rental income for the landlord. Most such houses have separate street entrances to the private residential quarters above.

The building most lately served as the Shofer Piano Store. The Shofer family have been active in the piano and furniture business in this area of Federal Hill since the early twentieth century and still operate a large furniture store at 930-938 S. Charles St. (See under 930-938 S. Charles St.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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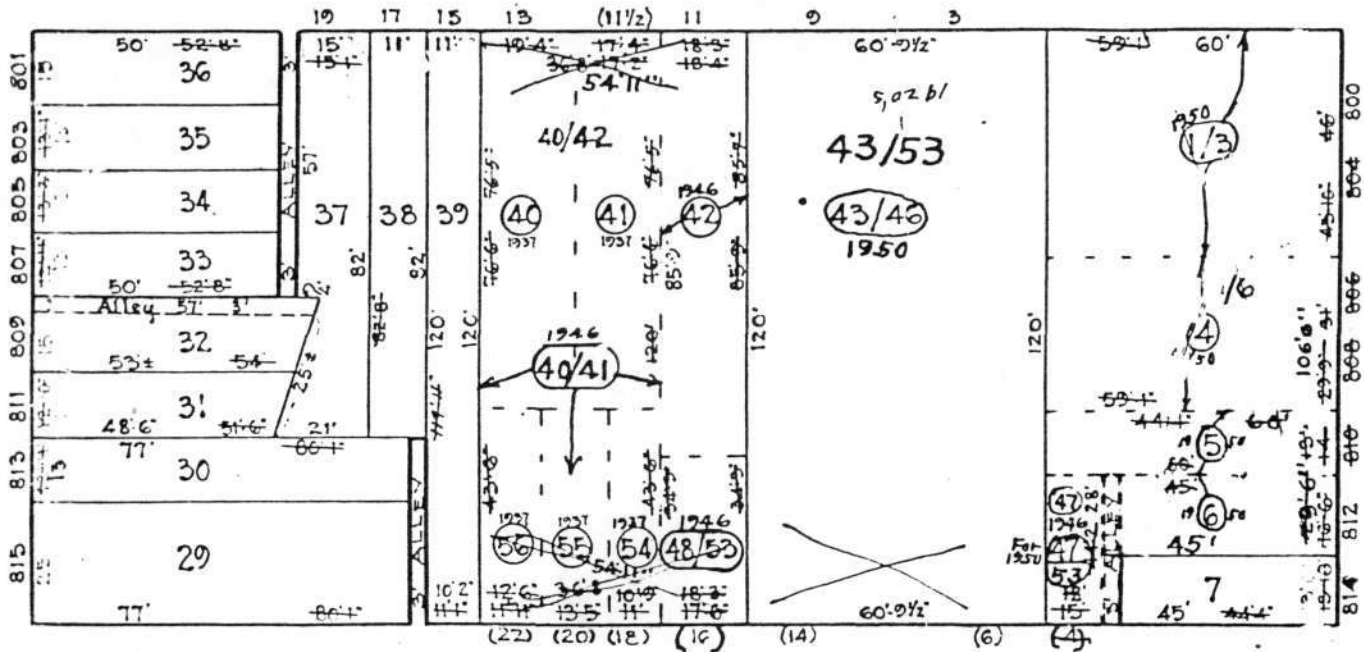
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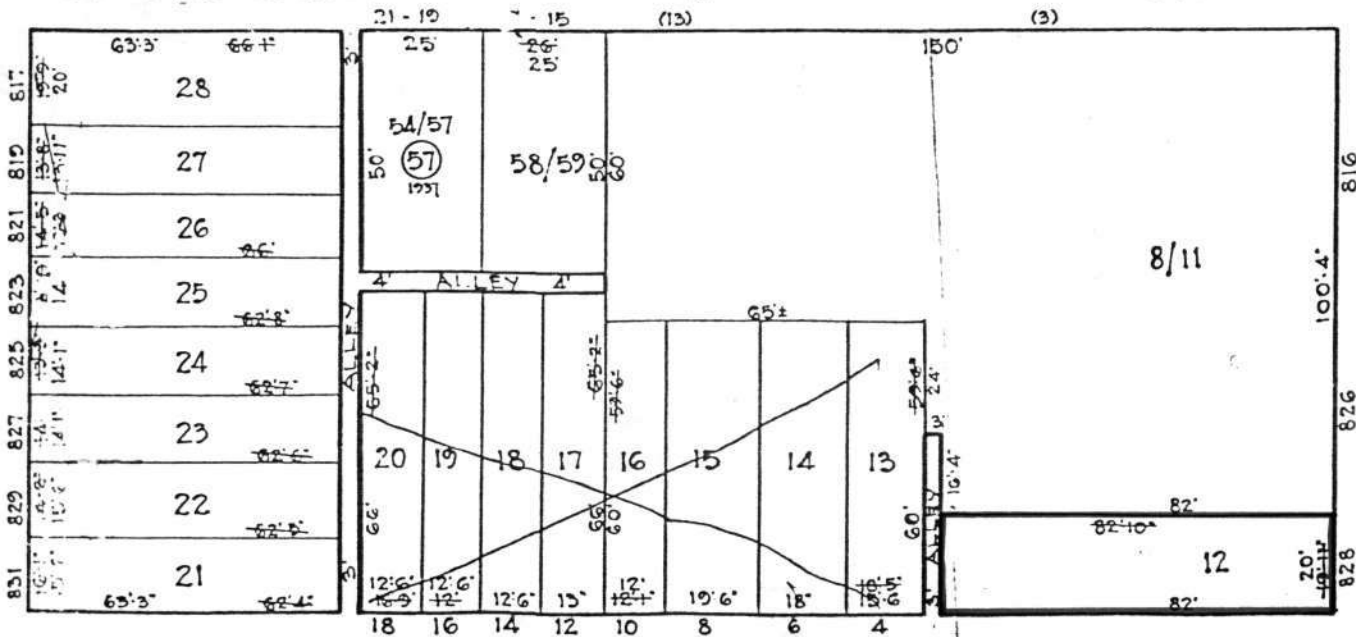
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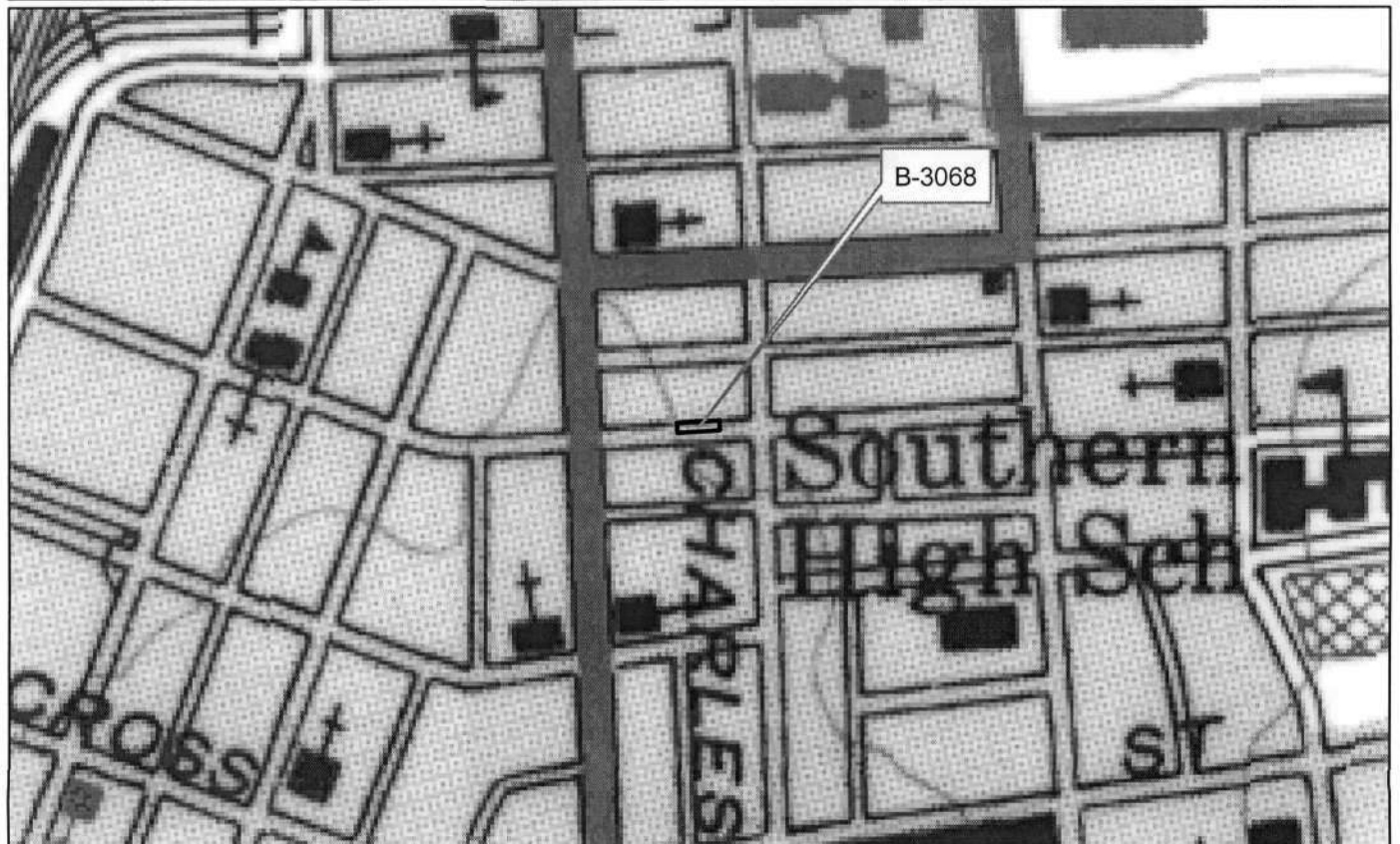
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S. CHARLES

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828 S. Charles Street
Block 0904 Lots 012
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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828 S. Charles St.

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South and east elevations